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SUBJECT: COLOMBIAN NAVY REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE RE M/V ST
PETER OIL POLLUTION PROBLEM

REF: CHNAVMIS TO CNO 161600Z MAR 76

1. DOD AND CNO HAVE ASKED THAT STATE RESPOND TO REFERENCED
MESSAGE WHICH TRANSMITTED COLOMBIAN NAVY REQUEST FOR
SALVAGE AND FUNDING ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH M/V ST.
PETER INCIDENT.

2. SECTION 607 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT DOES NOT
AUTHORIZE FUNDING OF ANY KIND. THE 607 DETERMINATION IN
THIS CASE AUTHORIZES THE COAST GUARD, WITHIN ITS OWN
REGULATORY LIMITATIONS, IN RETURN FOR PAYMENT BY THE GOC,
TO CONTRACT TO CARRY OUT MUTUALLY AGREED TASKS RELATED TO
THE OIL SPILL. THE COAST GUARD COULD, UNDER SUCH AN AGREE-
MENT, CONTRACT FOR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE US NAVY
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OR BY COMMERCIAL FIRMS OR COAST GUARD COULD USE ITS OWN

RESOURCES, BUT, IN ANY CASE, GOC WOULD HAVE TO FIND THE FUNDS. FMS CREDITS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. THEREFORE, WE ARE CONSTRAINED TO RECOMMEND THAT COUNTRY TEAM ADVISE GOC TO SEEK FUNDING FROM COMMERCIAL SOURCES.

3. COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS REPORTS THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED NO, REPEAT, NO REQUESTS, FORMAL OR INFORMAL, TO IMPLEMENT CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AUTHORIZED BY FEBRUARY 11 607 DETERMINATION. HOWEVER, COAST GUARD TEAM DID PROVIDE COLOMBIAN COUNTERPARTS WITH REQUESTED TECHNICAL ADVICE. COAST GUARD CONFIRMS THAT THE COMMERICAL SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR OIL SNARLS IS PARKER SYSTEMS, INC., P.O. BOX 1652, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23501.

4. US NAVY ADVISES THAT CURV 111 COMMITTED TO OTHER OPERATIONS AFTER MARCH 1976 AND THEREFORE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. AVAILABILITY OF DEEP SUBMERGENCE VEHICLE DEPENDENT UPON COMMITMENTS AT TIME FORMAL REQUEST IS RECEIVED.

5. GOC STILL HAS CHOICE BETWEEN ARRANGING ITS OWN DIRECT COMMERCIAL CONTRACT OR TAKING ADVANTAGE OF STILL VALID 607 DETERMINATION ARRANGEMENTS. KISSINGER

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